

*Testimony of*

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Before the

**Education Committee**

Re:

**HB 5286: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW PRESERVICE PERFORMANCE  
ASSESSMENT FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

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Good morning, Senator McCrory, Representative Sanchez, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 5286 and the elimination of the statewide implementation of the preservice performance assessment, edTPA.

EdTPA is another way of busy work for brand new teachers. If the education system is lacking teachers, why are we putting them through this unnecessary stress of paper work. I asked many teachers for help when I was doing edtpa and it was confusing for veteran teachers. It also does not correlate with the reality of teaching and our day to day tasks and lesson planning.

Thank you for addressing these critical issues impacting our students, our educators, and our school communities.